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METHOD OF REMOVING POLYMER AND
APPARATUS FOR DOING THE SAME

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT

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Sir:

I, Hideyuki OGATA, declare as follows:

I am an officer of NEC Corporation;

NEC Corporation is the assignee of the entire interest
of the above application;

the subject matter underlying U.S. Patent No. 6,513,537
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by or on the behalf of NEC Corporation and Tokyo Electron Limited
as part of a joint research agreement that was in effect before
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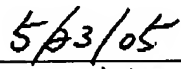
the claimed subject matter of the present application
was made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of
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